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**DRAFT Minutes of the
Broadway-Pantano Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting – 37th meeting**

September 27, 2006, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Eastside City Hall, Room A
7575 E. Speedway Blvd.
Tucson, Arizona

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CAB Members Present: Cheri Bludau, Judy Burns, Carla Casler, Dolores Fife, Digger Jones, James Garrett, Janet Marcus, Aubrey McMullen, Jackie Olson, Wanda Ryckman, Jean Sabo, Michael Smith

CAB Members Absent: Ward Wallingford

ADEQ Staff Present: William Ellett, Superfund Programs Unit Manager; Gretchen Wagenseller, Project Manager; Eileen Palese, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Alison Jones, Tom Gorman, Tina Lee, Robert LeBaron, Kendra Yates, Bruce Prior, Lester Stein

The meeting began at 6:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Co-chair Judy Burns conducted introductions of CAB members and public participants.

2. Approval of Minutes for 3/22/06 and 7/12/06 CAB Meeting

[This agenda item was held until a quorum was reached.] Michael Smith moved to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2006 and July 12, 2006 CAB meetings. Jean Sabo seconded the motion. The CAB voted. All were in favor, none were opposed.

3. Vote to Accept Resignation of CAB Member: Ward Wallingford

[This agenda item was held until a quorum was reached.] Wanda Ryckman moved to approve the resignation of Ward Wallingford. Jackie Olson seconded the motion. The CAB voted. All were in favor, none were opposed. CAB members added, with regrets.

4. Site Investigation Update + Q&A

Alison Jones, Environmental Manager, City of Tucson Environmental Services, first updated the CAB on the selection of a firm to do a feasibility study for the final remedy at the site. She said they chose 3 out of eight submittals, which were URS, Clear Creek which teamed with Malcolm Pernie, and Hargis and Associates. They chose Clear Creek and Malcolm Pernie. She said they still need to prepare a scope of work with costs, and negotiate the contract. She said the process is slow because of strict procurement policies.

She also updated the CAB on a problem at the Western Groundwater Containment System. She pointed out on a map where the system is located and described how the system operates. She said on September 17, a Sunday, the system shut down. It is on an automatic sensor so if flow rate increases or decreases by more than 10%, it automatically shuts off. The contractor went Monday morning to investigate the problem and overrode the system and began pumping. After 18 minutes, water began to come out of the ground and flowed into the street, and it also came up on the outside of one of the pipes, so they immediately shut the system down. It seemed apparent that there was a break in the line that goes to the well. She said they will keep the whole system shut down until they determine the problem and repair the system.

CAB members asked questions about the design of the system. She said that under non-pumping conditions, groundwater only moves a foot a day, so the plume is not getting away. She said the water that flowed onto the road meets drinking water standards.

Gretchen Wagenseller said that until they determine what the problem is, ADEQ decided to shut the whole system down and not let the other well pump during the repairs. She said the system was designed to handle 1300 gallons of water per minute for the combined flow for both lines.

Wanda Ryckman asked who will be responsible for the cost of the repairs. Alison Jones said that unless they discover gross negligence is involved, ADEQ has agreed to pay for the repair. If negligence is discovered, the city would have to pursue cost recovery.

The CAB asked how if they could be informed on the repairs. Eileen Palese said that she could mail a written update to the CAB when more information is available.

Gretchen Wagenseller distributed reports to the co-chairs of rebound tests at the Broadway North Landfill, as well as two groundwater reports from last year.

She reported that in the northwest corner of the Broadway South Landfill is the Caylor Property. It is west of the Hilton Hotel. She said he has hired a new contractor to conduct testing for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. She said he is in the ADEQ Voluntary Remediation Program. He still has to do shallow soil sampling before he can get an OK from ADEQ. She explained the differences between the Voluntary Remediation Program from the WQARF program. She said that the plume in the Broadway South Landfill area is within the Caylor property, so this property most likely will be pulled into the WQARF site.

Gretchen Wagenseller reviewed the Remedy Selection Process and distributed a graph to show the upcoming stages. She said the draft Remedial Investigation report should now be completed in early 2007. The next step will be to determine the remedial objectives. A public meeting will be held within 45 days of the release of the RI to take comments on the remedial objectives and the CAB will be invited to participate.

Regarding the soil gas investigation, she said ADEQ and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is still working on how to deal with this emerging concern. She explained that sometimes when VOCs are mixed with methane, the vapors can travel underground and can come up into people's houses.

She said that ADEQ hopes to finalize the ADEQ Feasibility Study for the WQARF site by June 30, 2007. She explained that the city is beginning to compile there feasibility study in the next few months which will include alternative methods for dealing with the contamination at the site. She said the city needs to perform groundwater modeling, which will take a lot of time, and that is the reason they are moving ahead with their study.

Alison Jones said that protecting the central well field is what is driving their work, but they are coordinating their work with ADEQ. She said that the problem will only get bigger and more expensive to remedy.

Gretchen Wagenseller said because the city is moving ahead on the project, the modeling will be done, which will be a big step toward site remediation. She reviewed how the draft Remedial Investigation (RI) report will be released for a public comment and the timing of the public meeting which will be held to solicit remedial objectives 45 – 90 days after the release of the draft RI. She said that she will provide an Executive Summary to the CAB.

Eileen Palese said the CAB can meet during the comment period so that the CAB can comment as a group. The CAB can also attend the public meeting. Judy Burns said that the CAB might need to meet during the comment period to formulate their comment.

The CAB discussed future development of the landfills.

5. Call to the Public

No one wished to comment.

6. Report on WQARF Advisory Board Meeting – James Garrett, Jr.

Jim Garrett provided a report from past WQARF Advisory Board meeting minutes. He said he has not yet been able to attend a meeting, regularly held in Phoenix. He explained the purpose of the board. He said year-end reports were provided by ADEQ staff at the last meeting on the progress of WQARF site cleanups throughout the state. The board discussed priorities for the coming year based on projected WQARF funding from the legislature. Judy Burns thanked him for his reporting.

7. CAB Outreach Reports

Judy Burns said she continues to participate as a member of the City of Tucson Environmental Services Advisory Committee, the CAB meeting was on that calendar. Jim Garrett said he was going to present to the Arizona Small Business group on the WQARF site, but the meeting was cancelled.

Digger Jones informed the CAB that heavy rains caused water damage at the OTT YMCA, but he did not believe any volatile gas problem would result from the flood since it is located at the location of the Broadway-South Landfill. Jean Sabo said this could be a concern because other structures in the area have had problems with landfill gases. The CAB discussed the potential problems to the building from the flood damage.

8. Other Administrative Business

The CAB discussed the meeting time and that some members arrive late. They discussed membership numbers and decided that 12 members were sufficient for now and they would discuss increasing membership at a future meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date/Agenda Discussion

The next meeting of the Broadway-Pantano CAB will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at Eastside City Hall, Room A, 7575 E. Speedway, Tucson, AZ. Call Eileen Palese, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, SRO, at (520) 628-6712, or email at palese.eileen@azdeq.gov, for meeting information and proposed agenda.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on cassette tapes as a record of the proceedings. To listen to the tapes or for additional documents mentioned in these minutes, contact ADEQ's Southern Regional Office, Community Involvement Office, 520/628-6712.

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